

Sibling Research - Annotated Bibliography

Cite/Source and Description		
California Legislation		
Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 290.1-297, 366. – 366.3		
Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 360-370, 16500-16508		
Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 16000-16014 (Foster Youth Bill of Rights at 16001.9)		
Report to the Legislature – Recommendations to the Legislature to Increase Available Placement Resources for Sibling Groups in Foster Care Recommendations for revision of California laws, regulations, and state policies (includes data). Submitted in November 2001 by California Health & Human Services Agency, California Department of Social Services, and the Judicial Council, as mandated by AB1987 (which made numerous changes to the Welfare and Institutions Code).		
Report to the Legislature – Sibling Groups in Foster Care Report presents findings of the study that was conducted to determine the barriers to placing siblings together. Submitted in June 1997 by California Department of Social Services, as mandated by AB2129 (which made numerous changes to the Welfare and Institutions Code).		
Non-Californian Legislation		
Casey Family Programs (NRCFS)	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/state_legislation_siblings.pdf http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/legislative_intent.pdf	State Legislation on Siblings in Out-of-Home Care Synopsis of sibling placement issues and legislation nationwide. Legislative Intent to Keep Siblings Together in Placement Legislative Intent in maintaining sibling relationships as seen in 26 states.
Case Law		
Case Summaries on Sibling Contact		
In re B. C. Fourth Appellate District Feb. 27, 2003		

Cite/Source and Description	
County of Los Angeles vs. Superior Court of Los Angeles Second Appellate District Sept. 30, 2002	
In re Celine R. Fifth Appellate District Sept. 30, 2002	
In re Erik P. 104 Cal.App.4 th 395 Dec. 16, 2002	
In re Megan S. 127 Cal.Rptr.2d 876 (104 Cal.App.4 th 127) Dec. 11, 2002	
County of Los Angeles vs. Superior Court of Los Angeles 125 Cal.Rptr.2d 637 Sept. 30, 2002	
Steven J. Carroll v. Superior Court of San Diego 101 Cal.App.4 th 1423 Sept. 13, 2002	
In re L.Y.L. 124 Cal.Rptr.2d 688 (101 Cal.App.4 th 942) Sept. 4, 2002	
In re Daniel H. 121 Cal.Rptr.2d 475 (99 Cal.App.4 th 804) June 26, 2002	
In re Tanyann W. 118 Cal.Rptr.2d 596 April 12, 2002	
In re Clifton B. 96 Cal.Rptr.2d 778 (81 Cal.App.4 th 415) June 8, 2000	
Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services vs. Superior Court of Los Angeles 72 Cal.Rptr.2d 369 March 12, 1998	
Dept. of Social Services vs. Superior Court of Siskiyou County 68 Cal.Rptr.2d 239 Oct. 21, 1997	
In re Nachele S. 41 Cal.App.4 th 1557 1996	
In re Candida S. 9 Cal. Rptr.2d 521 (7 Cal.App.4 th 1240) July 1, 1992	
In re Elizabeth M. 283 Cal.Rptr.3d 553 (232 Cal.App.3d 553) July 18, 1991	
Arkansas Department of Human Services 65 S.W.3d 880 (347 Ark. 553, 65 S.W. 3 rd 880) Feb. 7, 2002	
Law Review Articles	
University of Pittsburg School of Law (2004)	<p>Foster Care Placement: Reducing the Risk of Sibling Incest</p> <p>Discussion of the Westermarck theory of incest avoidance between siblings, and recent studies that support this theory. The article (and Westermarck's theory) maintains that children who live together during the first four years of childhood are at a reduced risk of post-childhood incest.</p> <p>(http://law.bepress.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=pittlwps)</p>

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Baylor Law Review (2003)	<p>O Brother (or Sister), Where Art Thou: Sibling Standing in Texas</p> <p>Court should extend standing to siblings to petition the court for visitation when siblings have been denied access to one another. Texas Family Code should be amended to extend standing to siblings (when there has been a disruption in the family).</p> <p>Sibling relationships deserve equal treatment under the law (all 50 states have statutes permitting grandparent visitation, but only 5 grant siblings the same standing).</p> <p>Importance of the Sibling Bond (siblings have an enormous influence on one another) and continued access to family connections (siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc.).</p>
University of Missouri at Kansas City Law Review (2003)	<p>Biological Altruism, Splitting Siblings and the Judicial Process: A Child's Right to Constitutional Protection in Family Dislocation</p> <p>Divorce, custody, and sibling rights; the splitting of siblings as a result of dueling households.</p> <p>Discussion of the following questions: Splitting of siblings a constitutional matter? Do dislocated siblings further fracture the fundamentals of a civil society (the smallest unit of that society being the family)? Does the law (constitutional, statutory, or common) confer an affirmative obligation on the courts to preserve and protect a relationship between siblings?</p>
William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal (2003)	<p>A Taxonomy of Children's Existing Rights in State Decision Making About Their Relationships</p> <p>The extent to which the law explicitly or implicitly bestows rights on children in connection to relationships. Discussion of those areas in which children's interests do not receive legal protection. Failure of US law to adequately cover the arena of children's relationship rights.</p>
Family Law Quarterly – Volume 37 (2003)	<p>Splitting Heirs: Reforming the Custodial Treatment of Identical Twins in Divorce</p> <p>Discussion regarding the lack of right of association for siblings and the impact of separation on identical twins.</p>
Children's Legal Rights Journal (2002/2003)	<p>Maintaining Sibling Relationships for Children Removed from their Parents</p> <p>The decision to separate sibling groups compromises the children's ability to maintain contact with one another; maintaining these relationships is critical to the well-being of each sibling. Includes overview of constitutional considerations.</p> <p>http://www.kansaslegalservices.org/publications/carc_pdf/Summer%202003.pdf</p>

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San Joaquin College of Law (2002)	<p>Migrant Children Under Child Welfare Jurisdiction: Who Will Guard the Guards Themselves?</p> <p>Current CWS does not adequately protect the rights and lives of migrant children to the standards by which non-migrant children are protected; discussion of the impact on migrant siblings.</p>
McGeorge Law Review – (Winter 2001)	<p>Siblings Torn Apart No More</p> <p>Review of Welfare and Institutions Code 16004 (new): 358.1, 361.1, 366, 366.1, 366.3, 388, 16002, 16501.1 (amended). AB1987 (Steinburg); 2000 STAT. Ch. 909. The purpose of Chapter 909 (keeping siblings together).</p>
DePaul Law Review (2001)	<p>The Status of Siblings' Rights: A View into the New Millennium</p> <p>Issue: Constitutional right to associate vs. sibling association as an admirable goal (sibling bond as one of many factors to consider when making custody decisions). A review of case law regarding whether siblings have a constitutional right to associate.</p> <p>Most states have not created a sibling right to visitation, some have created a presumption that sibling visitation is in the child's best interest, and some require reasonable efforts to place siblings together.</p> <p>Trend to provide siblings with standing to bring visitation before the court. Standing may be moot if there is no requirement that the sibling be notified of the right to visit and/or the right to have counsel represent the sibling in court. Other factors include whether the child knows that other siblings exist, whether the court orders arrangement for transportation to visits, and continuance of sibling ties when some siblings have been adopted (post-adoption agreement vs. closed).</p> <p>Future: Sibling association a fundamental liberty interest? Issue: conflicting fundamental rights among interested parties (recognizing one individual's or group's rights subtracts from another group's).</p> <p>Currently: two statutory trends: 1) concurrent planning and 2) kinship adoption.</p> <p>Definition of "sibling".</p>

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Tennessee Law Review (1999)	<p>Where have you been, Fran? The Right of Siblings to Seek Court Access to Override Parental Denial of Visitation</p> <p>Sibling Relationships: their psychological importance and their effects on the siblings and family as a whole.</p> <p>Siblings should have standing to sue for sibling visitation. Siblings are often denied judicial access when parents have worked out custody and visitation matters between themselves, or where circumstances have changed either by death or remarriage. Half-siblings also often have no recourse when the common parent dies or does not allow visitation.</p>
Dayton Law Review (1998)	<p>Sibling Relationships Should Not be Denied by Formalistic Judges: Scruggs v. Saterfield So. 2d 294 (Miss. 1997)</p> <p>Re a Mississippi case (<i>Scruggs v. Saterfield</i>): Mississippi Custody statute should be amended to grant courts the specific authority to award visitation between siblings (current judicial reluctance to act in the best interest of a child, absent specific authority).</p> <p>Court's formalistic approach was unjustified in light of Mississippi's domestic relations law; the court did, in fact, have the authority, but based on an absence of <i>express</i> authority (such as they have with the Grandparent Visitation statute) felt unable to award visitation. Mississippi custody statutes provide broad discretion to the courts handling all issues of custody and visitation.</p>
University of Miami Law Review (1994)	<p>Severing Hansel from Gretel: An Analysis of Siblings Association Rights</p> <p>Sibling rights, pre-1994 law; provides historical perspective.</p>

Data & Studies		
University of California, Berkeley	http://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2005/techprogram/P473.HTM http://www.nawrs.org/Oklahoma/WorkshopPapers/B3.shaw.doc	<p>Using Administrative Child Welfare Data to Identify Sibling Groups Overview of study method.</p> <p>Report of study conducted in January of 2003 (using CWS data) that attempts to broaden sibling classification schemes, reviews the data using the new classifications, and reports the results.</p> <p>Using Administrative Child Welfare Data to Identify Sibling Groups (Workshop Handout) Study seeks to develop ways in which to minimize unstable care for children that can contribute to emotional, behavioral, and developmental problems. The study focused on children who had numerous placement changes compared to children with few placement changes. This 23-page report includes a literature review and data.</p>
Minnesota	http://www.hennepin.us/vgn/images/portal/cit_100003616/35/19/103304457fostercarestability-instability.pdf	<p>Hennepin County Stability/Instability Study Study seeks to develop ways in which to minimize unstable care for children that can contribute to emotional, behavioral, and developmental problems. The study focused on children who had numerous placement changes compared to children with few placement changes. This 23-page report includes a literature review and data.</p>

University of California Berkeley	http://cssr.berkeley.edu/childwelfare/pdfs/waiver/5b%20Wraparound%20Study%20Impact%20Study%20Conclusions.pdf	Charter 5B Wraparound Impact Study & Conclusions Description and data for the study (demonstration project) of the wraparound services model implemented in Alameda, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Luis Obispo counties. The target group was children residing in group homes or at risk of placement in group homes.
ACF	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/initiatives/cwwaiver/ca.htm	Wraparound Services Models Brief description of demonstration project implemented in 5 California counties. Project report for 3 of these counties is above.
Family Relations	Drapeau, Simard, Beaudry, Charbonneau. 2000. "Siblings in Family Transitions." Family Relations, Vol. 49 (1), p.77-85	Siblings in Family Transitions Study of 294 families and the sibling arrangements following family transitions (divorce and foster care placements) and the importance of the sibling subsystem during these transitions.
New York	http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/pdf/placement_report_analysis.pdf	1st Annual Placement Report (1999) This report focuses on children who first entered the New York foster care system, during fiscal year 1999, and establishes a baseline of information concerning the placement experience for this group of kids. There are 4 pages of data on sibling placements. Although it is called "1 st Annual", there are no subsequent reports posted on their website.
Child Welfare	Gardner, H. 1996. "The concept of family: Perceptions of children in family foster care." Child Welfare, Vol. 75 (2), 161-182.	The Concept of Family: Perceptions of Children in Family Foster Care Study of the responses of children, in long-term care, to their biological families vs. their foster families.
British Association of Social Workers	Kosonen, Marjut. 1996. "Maintaining Sibling Relationships – Neglected Dimension in Child Care Practice." British Journal of Social Work. 26, 809-822.	Maintaining Sibling Relationships – Neglected Dimension in Child Care Practice A study of foster care children in one local authority in Scotland and the circumstances surrounding their separation from siblings (includes statistics from this study group).

Child Welfare	Staff and Fein. 1992. "Together or Separate: A study of siblings in foster care." Child Welfare, Vol. 71 (3), 257-270.	Together or Separate: A Study of Siblings in Foster Care A review of studies that address siblings in foster care, with particular focus on the gaps in research. And a review of the Casey Family Programs study on siblings in foster care for children placed by Casey Family Services' offices from 1976 – 1990.
Child Psychiatry and Human Development	Fritz Boer, and Stella Spiering. 1991. "Siblings in Foster Care: Success and Failure." Child Psychiatry and Human Development, Vol. 21 (4), Summer 1991, 291-300.	Siblings in Foster Care: Success and Failure A review of an earlier study of 59 joint placements of siblings in foster homes and statistics.
University of Georgia, Psychiatry Department	Tracy Kempton, Lisa Armistead, Michelle Wierson and Rex Forehand. 1991. "Presence of a Sibling as a Potential Buffer Following Parental Divorce: An Examination of Young Adolescents." Journal of Clinical Child Psychology, Vol. 20, No. 4, 434-438.	Presence of Siblings as a Potential Buffer Following Parental Divorce: An Examination of Young Adolescents The role of siblings in familial relationships and during familial transitions (includes statistics).
St. Louis County Social Services	http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/MSW/manual/manualcontents/kristinegierre.pdf	Factors Relating to In Care Placements in St. Louis County Social Services The purpose of this study was to determine what factors relate to the type of placement (alone or w/siblings) children experience when placed in foster care in St. Louis County.
Casey Family Programs (NRCFS)	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/statistics_on_siblings.pdf No longer on the Internet	Statistics on Siblings in Out-of-Home Care Statistics on children in California and New York 2001-2001 Annotated Bibliography on Siblings in Out-of-Home Care Categories include: Child Welfare Practice, General, Law, Literature Reviews, Psychology, Research, Statistics, and Advocacy.

Alabama	http://www.southalabama.edu/nursing/fuld/foster.pdf	Annotated Bibliography for Foster Child Project Some of these references deal with siblings.
New England Journal Medicine	http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/343/8/538?view=abstractpmid=10954761	Siblings, Day-Care Attendance, and the Risk of Asthma and Wheezing during Childhood (Abstract) Children who do not attend day-care, or who do not attend day-care <i>with a sibling</i> , have an increased risk of developing asthma.
Curriculum		
Casey Family Programs (NRCFS)	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/nrcfcpp-sibling-curriculum-module1.pdf	NRCFCPP Sibling Practice Curriculum Module 1: The Issues Training objectives for social workers (appears to be a training handbook).
Placement		
University of Illinois - Urbana	http://cfrwww.social.uiuc.edu/LRpdfs/PlacementStability.LR.pdf	Multiple Placements in Foster Care: Literature Review of Correlates and Predictors Eight page literature review with bibliography; review includes California studies.
NCRA Adoption.org	http://www.nrcadoption.org/resources/prac/SiblingPlacement.pdf	Sibling Placement Sibling placement review in Washington, D.C. children. Best Practices for child welfare professionals and families who foster and/or adopt children with siblings.
United Kingdom 2003	http://www.dfes.gov.uk/choiceprotects/pdfs/stabilityseminar.pdf	Stability in Foster Care Review of research in the United Kingdom.
Families in Society	http://www.familiesinsociety.org/Show.asp?override=true&docid=136 Gorza, Maschmeier, Jamison, and Piccola. 2003.	Siblings and Out-of-Home Placement: Best Practices Summary of research on sibling relationships, discussion of the barriers that result in the separation of siblings, and best practice solutions.

	"Siblings and Out-of-Home Placement: Best Practices." Journal of Contemporary Human Services, Volume 84, Number 4, Oct. - Dec. 2003	
University of Illinois - Urbana	http://cfrwww.social.uiuc.edu/LRpdfs/SiblingsinCare.LR.pdf	Sibling Relationship in Out-of-Home Care Literature Review The effects sibling separation on sibling bonds and the importance of those bonds. Eleven page literature review with bibliography.
Casey Family Programs (NRCFS)	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/siblings in foster care.pdf	Siblings in Foster Care Short list of nationwide programs that addresses siblings in foster care, and a brief description of each program.
Casey Family Programs (NRCFS)	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/ideas on siblings.pdf	Ideas on Sibling in Out-of-Home Care This fact sheet summarizes frequently discussed information regarding siblings in out-of-home care.
University of Minnesota	http://ssw.che.umn.edu/img/assets/11860/practice notes9.pdf McFadden, E.J. 1983. "Placement of sibling groups, single parent adoptions, and transracial adoption: An analysis." In M. Hardin (Ed.) Foster children in the courts (pp.399-417). Boston: Butterworth Legal. Reproduced in CASCW Practice Notes, Issue No. 9, Fall 2000.	Siblings in Foster Care: Maintaining the Ties that Bind Overview of the value of sibling ties, strategies, and Minnesota's best practice policy (with references to research in the arena of sibling groups)
Christopher Phillips (CA journalist)	http://www.apa.org/monitor/jan98/sibs.html	Foster-care system struggles to keep siblings together Explores the scope of the systemic problems in foster care that keep siblings apart.
Child Welfare	Smith, Maureen. 1996. "An Exploratory Survey of Foster Mother and Caseworker Attitudes about Sibling Placement." Child Welfare, Jul/Aug, Vol. 75 (4), p. 357-375.	An Exploratory Survey of Foster Mother and Caseworker Attitudes About Sibling Placement Discussion about the effects of the policy of placing siblings together (when they enter foster care) on the individuals

		directly involved with the placements. Topics include: training considerations, placement decisions, attitudes, and beliefs.
Child Welfare	Hegar, Rebecca. 1993. "Assessing attachment, permanence, and kinship in choosing permanent homes." <i>Child Welfare</i> , Vol. 72 (4), 367-378.	Assessing Attachment, Permanence, and Kinship in Choosing Permanent Placement A discussion about the child welfare placement values of attachment, permanence, and kinship and the extent to which these values are weighed when making placement decisions (including the trade-off of one for another).
National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information	http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/pubs/f_siblin.pdf Hochman, Feathers-Acuna, and Huston. 1992. "The Sibling Bond: Its Importance in Foster Care and Adoptive Placement." National Adoption Center for the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse.	The Sibling Bond: Its Importance in Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Basic information regarding the importance of sibling bonds, impact on children, why siblings are separated, and decision-making in sibling placement and adoption.
Social Service Review	Hegar, Rebecca. 1988. "Sibling Relationships and Separations: Implications for Child Placement." <i>Social Science Review</i> , September 1988, 446-467.	Sibling Relationships and Separations: Implications for Child Placement A description of the gaps in sibling research as well as, a discussion about research concerning sibling separation.
Child Welfare	Hegar, Rebecca. 1988. "Legal and Social Work Approaches to Sibling Separation in Foster Care." <i>Child Welfare</i> , Vol. LXVII, 2, March-April, 113-121.	Legal and Social Work Approaches to Sibling Separation in Foster Care Identification of gaps in the current research, current trends, and views.
Foster Children in the Courts	McFadden, E.J. 1983. "Placement of sibling groups, single parent adoptions, and transracial adoption: An analysis." In M. Hardin (Ed.) <i>Foster children in the courts</i> (pp.399-417). Boston: Butterworth Legal.	Placement of Sibling Groups, Single-Parent Adoptions, and Transracial Adoption: An Analysis Examination of placement of sibling groups and arguments for and against.
Child Welfare	Timberlake, and Hamlin. 1982. "The Sibling Group: A Neglected Dimension of Placement."	The Sibling Group: A Neglected Dimension of Placement

	Child Welfare, Vol. LXI, No. 8, Nov/Dec 1982, 545-552.	Short review of the scope of available information about sibling placement.
Child Welfare	Aldridge, and Cautley. 1976. "Placing Siblings in the same foster home." Child Welfare, 55, 85-92.	Placing Siblings in the Same Foster Home An early study of siblings placed together, factors, outcomes, and impact of placement on relationships.
Association of Children's Welfare Agencies - Australia	http://www.acwa.asn.au/ACWA/publications/iss uepapers/Paper_10.html	Teamwork Challenge: Placing a Sibling Family Group List of best practices as viewed by caseworkers. Focus is on Australia.
New York State Citizen's Coalition for Children	http://www.nysccc.org/Siblings/hiddentragedy.h tm http://www.nysccc.org/Siblings/additreadinglist. htm	Sibling Loss: The Hidden Tragedy of the Child Welfare System. Article describes the impact of sibling separation on children in foster care and how one state (Illinois) is addressing the issue New York State's Separated Siblings bibliography Bibliography re siblings.
Sibling Rights		
Casey Family Programs	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/d ownloads/policy-issues/sibling_rights.pdf http://www.ufostersuccess.org/includes/bill of r ights children in foster care.pdf	Sibling Rights in Out-of-Home Care List of questions for further discussion, list of resources, and overview of nationwide legislation addressing rights for children in foster care. Rights of Siblings in Foster Care Bill of Rights for children in foster care for 7 states.
National Legal Research Group	http://www.divorcesource.com/research/dl/visit ation/97may85.shtml	Sibling Visitation Rights Discussion of the importance of the sibling bond and sibling visitation under nationwide statutes.

National Reunion Registry	http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/resolutions/72nd_conference/chhs_10.asp	National Separated Siblings Registry United Conference of Mayors encourages Congress to pass legislation creating a national, voluntary, mutual reunion registry for siblings separated in foster care.
Kathy Barbel Kristine Schuerger	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/policy-issues/cwla_article_siblings.pdf http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/information_packets/siblings-pkt.pdf	Is our Family Focus Wide Enough to include Siblings? Basic facts about children in foster care who have been separated from their siblings. Information Packet: Siblings in Foster Care Report discusses facts, practice tips, model programs, review of policies and legislation, references and suggested reading, and web resources.
Illinois DCFS	http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/library/com_communications_pr_jun42004.shtml http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/library/com_communications_pr_feb252004.shtml	Lawmakers pass sibling rights resolution submitted by foster children Illinois efforts to address legislation regarding sibling rights DCFS Statewide Youth Advisory Board proposes a new Sibling Rights Resolution to lawmakers
Visitation		
Fostering Perspectives	http://sswnt7.sowo.unc.edu/fcrp/fp/fp_vol8no2/siblings.htm	Fostering Perspectives: Sustaining Connections When Siblings are Separated. Volume 8, Number 2, May 2004 North Carolina Division of Social Services policy regarding maintaining sibling ties.
National Resource Center for Foster Care	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/visiting_report-10-29-03.pdf	Visiting Between Children in Care and Their Families: A Look at Current Policy Survey of 37 states regarding each state's policy and procedures around visitation for children in foster care.
Casey Family Services	http://www.caseyfamilyservices.org/pdfs/casey0503-siblings.pdf	Siblings Unite at Camp to Belong (May 2003) Maine camp that attempts to help children in foster care maintain relationships with siblings.

CBS News	http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/07/02/earlyshow/series/heros/printable561452.shtml	Bringing Foster Kids Back Together (Article re Casey Camp to Belong) Recap of a program aired this same week on American Hero about Maine Camp program.
Voices for Children – Boulder CO	http://www.vfccasa.org/images/VFC%202002%20Fall.pdf http://www.vfccasa.org/images/VFC%202003%20Winter.pdf http://www.nysccc.org/Siblings/sibties.htm	Sibling Ties are Worth Preserving (Part 1) Summary of the Issue, legislation, and legislative efforts in other states (including California). Sibling Ties are Worth Preserving (Part 2) Entire article (Parts 1 & 2)
Illinois DCFS	http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/docs/fiv12001.pdf	Fostering Illinois: DCFS Supports Foster Parents who Support Sibling Visits (January 2001, Vol. 1) Changes to Department of Children's and Families' Services visitation policy.
Casey Family Programs	http://www.casey.org/NR/rdonlyres/89F2787D-AA68-45D5-B5CC-557B20BB426F/138/casey_child_welfare_fact_sheet1.pdf	Child Welfare Fact Sheet Nationwide data for September 2001.
Youth Voices		
IYCC Iowa	http://www.ifapa.org/IFAPA%20Newsletters/January%202004%20Issue.doc	Youth Council Speaks Out: Siblings Connections (News and Views of Iowa, Vol. 2004-04, January 2004) Youth speak out in <i>News and Views from Iowa (Vol. 2004 (4))</i> , to ensure that state legislators hear foster youth voices.
California	http://www.4children.org/pdf/104imo.pdf	In My Opinion (Interviews with Foster Care Children in California) California Youth Connection members and former foster youth discuss their ideas for change.

Maine	http://www.ylat.org//leadership/policy/siblingposition.htm	Youth Leadership Advisory Team Position Paper: Siblings in Foster Care and Adoption Advantages of placing siblings together, sibling visitation, and sibling rights – as viewed by a youth advisory team.
Austin, TX - News 8	http://news8austin.com/shared/print/default.asp?ArID=118048	Siblings Fear Separation Comes with Adoption Interviews with children in Texas foster care and their views regarding sibling separation.
Las Vegas Review Journal	http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2004/Apr-27-Tue-2004/news/23747185.html	Judge's Surprise Decision Keeps Siblings Together Las Vegas Judge ordered the state to keep group of 8 siblings together; siblings share their perspective.